

NCDOT Reminds Motorists to Keep Alert for Deer During Fall Months



This pretty girl can be dangerous. NCDOT wants to remind drivers to watch out for deer during the fall months.

As the temperature starts dropping and leaves start falling, another sign of the changing season is more deer along North Carolina roadways and in turn, a greater chance of hitting a deer.

Between 2012 and 2014, nearly half of the 58,372 animal-related crashes in the state took place from October through December. About 90 percent of those involved deer.

A new [N.C. Department of Transportation study](#) shows there were 17,831 animal-related crashes in 2014 - the lowest number since 2006. But over the past three years, animal-related crashes claimed 11 lives, injured 3,386 drivers and passengers and caused nearly \$145 million in damages.

The top five counties with animal-related crashes reported last year in North Carolina include:

1. Wake: 794
2. Pitt: 562
3. Guilford: 550

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4. Duplin: 445
5. Randolph: 444

[Find out where your county stacks up.](#)

Resurfacing Coming to More Than 17 Miles of Montgomery County Roads



Pavement rollers, like this one, will be used on some secondary roads in Montgomery County.

The N.C. Department of Transportation recently awarded a contract to resurface 15 secondary roads throughout Montgomery County. The work, which will include resurfacing and painting pavement markings, is expected to be complete by June 2016, weather permitting.

The project is part of NCDOT's yearly resurfacing for roadway preservation.

Pavement preservation is like changing the oil in your car, as basic maintenance can help avoid more expensive repairs later. It's important to make minor improvements to good roads regularly, because it helps save on major road repairs that can be costly, time-consuming and disruptive to motorists.

The contractor crews will repair cracked or weathered pavement, which will extend the life of the roads, reduce further maintenance needs and increase motorist comfort and mobility.

There will be no detours associated with the work, but lane closures might shift traffic patterns or cause congestion at times. Drivers should use caution, stay alert and obey the posted speed limit.

Riley Paving of Carthage is the contractor for the \$486,565 project, which was awarded to the lowest bidder as required by state law.

Highway and Bridge Maintenance and Preservation

The recently passed state budget will allow NCDOT to make a greater investment in taking care of and improving North Carolina's existing highways and bridges.

The General Assembly appropriated nearly \$500 million in additional funding in the two-year budget (for fiscal years 2016 and 2017) for maintenance and preservation work. NCDOT distributes these funds yearly to the divisions based on need.

The Board of Transportation approved each division's initial funding amount for Fiscal Year 2016 at its August meeting, and approved the additional funding at its October meeting.

Here's what that means for Division Eight for Fiscal Year 2016, which runs July 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016:

- An additional \$2.2 million was allocated to improve deficient bridges. This brings the division's total Bridge Program funding to \$6.3 million.
- An additional \$4.6 million was allocated for resurfacing, bringing the total funding for this type of work to \$37.4 million.
- An additional \$3 million was allocated for highway preservation, bringing the total funding for this type of work to \$8.5 million.
- An additional \$3.2 million was allocated for secondary roads, bringing the total funding for this type of work to \$22.1 million.

This will allow the division to accelerate work that had been planned for next fiscal year.

NCDOT Event Raises About \$6,000 for the Family of William "Grey" Bailey



Over 30 teams with 124 golfers came from the mountains to the coast to support the event.

In October, employees of Division Eight, which includes Chatham, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Richmond and Scotland counties, hosted a benefit golf tournament in memory of William "Grey" Bailey, who was killed March 23 while working in a highway work zone.

The tournament and raffle, held at the Siler City Country Club, raised nearly \$6,000 with all of the proceeds going to Bailey's family. The event saw 31 teams with 124 golfers come from the mountains to the coast to support the event.

"I was happy to participate as a member of the NCDOT family," said Patrick Molamphy, NCDOT board member for Division Eight. "Knowing we had team members come from across the state for such a worthy cause is amazing."

Bailey, or "Grey" as everybody knew him, was working in a highway work zone near the west end of the U.S. 70 Goldsboro Bypass project in Wayne County when authorities say an impaired driver struck and killed him.

He left behind his wife, Millicent "Millie" Bailey, and two beautiful, twin daughters. Bailey, an N.C. Department of Transportation engineering technician, had been with the department since 2010.

[Learn more here.](#)

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